

Clatsop County Commissioners

RE: Proposed STR Ordinance

I am a homeowner and current full-time resident in Arch Cape. I have not and do not have any plans to use my residence as an STR yet I have the following observations about the STR issues:

STR's are an Oregon tradition - I grew up in the 1970's in Eugene and every Spring we would scour the Register Guard and Oregonian classified ads to find just the right summer rental for a week. These summer weeks gave me the close connection to the coast through my life. I cant tell you how many people I have met on the beach in Arch Cape, both current homeowners and visitors, that tell the same story of having come to this special place as children. But there seem to be many that want to deny that access for the future and lock it down to only those older adults who currently live there.

Restricting STR's is an Equity issue: STR's provide a way for families to have extended stays on the Oregon coast that are not economically practicable with multiple rooms in a hotel. Restricting STR's essentially adds one more level of exclusivity to those that can experience the Oregon coast. I have heard other residents talk about STR renters and day trippers as "those people". This to me smacks of classic NIMBY and exclusionary policy. "

Single Family Zoning by design allows full community occupancy - This zoning supposes that all the residences will be fully occupied all year long, so all the issues of noise, traffic, parking etc. that happen in any single family community should be and are covered by current laws and regulations. Quality of Life" issues raised seem to be a cover for the idea that this is "my place" and others are not welcome.

STR restrictions are a Climate issue: Renting a house at the beach for many Oregonians is a great way for families to connect with nature close-by. These trips minimize energy use associated with long-distance travel including air-travel. Already during the pandemic, across the world more people are spending more time traveling within their regions. Secondly, having hundreds of empty homes for 9 months of the year heated and maintained is an large carbon footprint when we are looking to achieve greater density of use in our communities.

Thank you, Alec Holser 80258 Pacific, Arch Cape, OR